ings can be considered by the Railways only if sponsored by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, duly consenting to bear the cost as per rules.

Electrification of Lines in S.E.R.

665. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in electrification of railway lines on South-Eastern Railway so far;

(b) the time by which entire routes of Khurdha Road Division and newly created Sambalpur Division in Orissa would be electrified; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the electrification of these Divisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 2294 RKMs representing 40.56% of BG rail net work on South Eastern Railway have been electrified.

(b) there is, at present, no proposal to electrify any of the sections falling on the Khurdha Road and Sambalpur Divisions of the South Eastern Railway.

(c) Does not arise.

Damage to IA Boeing 734 Aircraft

666. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether fire caused a major damage to an Indian Airlines Boeing 734 aircraft inside Palam hangar on October 29, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been made and report received; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Boeing 737 aircraft VT-EGM was undergoing final inspection of Check II in Hangar No. 2 on 29th October, 1991 when a bright flash was seen by the people working in the forward cargo-hold as well as in the cabin. After the flash fire/smoke was observed along No. 2 cabin window on the right side of the aircraft, personnel of Check II rushed with fire extinguishers and brought the fire under control. The main oxygen pipeline at floor board level below window No.2 was found broken/burnt and further piece of about one foot length was missing.

(c) and (d) DGCA is investigating the matter.

Transportation of Goods

667. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government during the last two years to make transportation of goods by railways simple and easy;

(b) the rate of per quintal railway freight per every 10 km. during the last two years, year -wise; and

(c) the number of wagons proposed to be increased during the next financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Measures like induction of modern high capacity wagons, running of longer and heavier trains, intensive monitoring of block rake movements and emphasis